

What are the benefits to the community?

Known or suspected environmental contamination often discourages developers and investors from restoring these properties to beneficial use which would serve to revitalize the impacted neighborhoods. The Brownfields Assistance Program encourages redevelopment or reuse of sites that have, or may have, environmental liabilities, by providing funding to define the impact of contamination, conduct remediation and clarify potential liability to small businesses.

The Brownfields law effective on January 11, 2002, expands federal financing and limits liability on prospective purchasers of Brownfield properties. It also enhances state and tribal Brownfields response programs.



Contacts for Further Information

If you are considering applying for a Brownfields grant or a low interest rate loan, please contact ADEQ for assistance. Also, ADEQ through its Voluntary Remediation Program, can provide technical assistance to entities awarded cleanup grants.

For more information on the ADEQ Brownfields Program and grants and application submittal, please contact:

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What is the Brownfields Assistance Program?

The Brownfields Assistance Program provides funding and technical assistance to assess and clean up property where reuse is complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substances or pollutants.

ADEQ receives funding for the Brownfields Assistance Program from two federal grants:

1. The Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)
2. The EPA State Response Grant (SRG)

What is the difference in the two funds?

The RLF is available to eligible applicants through the cities of Phoenix and Tucson to conduct Phase I & II site assessments and clean up activities. ADEQ manages and administers the RLF with Water Infrastructure and Finance Authority (WIFA) as the fund manager.

The SRG is used to reimburse ADEQ for costs to manage the Brownfields Program, conduct outreach activities, and for state targeted site assessment projects. Additionally, applicants may apply to ADEQ for their sites to be part of the Brownfields Assistance Program. The program can provide financial assistance for Phase I and II assessments or cleanup. Parties responsible for the contamination are not eligible.



What types of sites are eligible?

Sites eligible for funding may be contaminated with:

1. Hazardous Substances
2. Controlled Substances
3. Petroleum or Petroleum Products
4. Mine-Scarred Lands

Within each of the above categories, there are more detailed eligibility requirements. These details can be found on the EPA Web page at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

